



MINUTES

Parks Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 12, 2009
7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Mike Sawa, Dick Dietrich, Tom Bridges, Karen Bair

Also Present: Evan Springer, Assistant City Attorney Jay Isenberg, Tim Schrader, Jeff Madsen, Tim Schrader, Rob Taggart and Zona Lanham.

Mike Sawa called the Wednesday, August 12, 2009, Park Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. Acceptance of the Meeting Minutes:

Sawa stated that meeting minutes from July would stand as presented, unless there were any corrections needed. No corrections noted. Sawa stated that the minutes would stand as presented.

II. Presentation of Appreciation Award:

The Greenwood Park Board and Parks Department presented Ralph Hill with a plaque in appreciation for outstanding display of generosity and strong sense of community service in the development of Freedom Park. Ralph assisted Rob Taggart and donated his time and equipment in the planting of some 350 mature trees in Freedom Park.

III. Attorney Reports:

Isenberg stated he had two contracts ready for Butler, Seifert & Fairman.

Dietrich moved to approve the final contract as drafted for Butler, Seifert & Fairman for the Tracy Trail Construction Supervision project billed at an hourly rate, not to exceed \$11,000.00, Bair seconded.

Vote: Ayes

Bair moved to approve the final contract as drafted for the Butler, Seifert & Fairman Smith Valley Pedestrian Bridge redesign project, to be billed at an hourly rate, not to exceed \$5,000.00, Dietrich seconded.

Vote: Ayes

IV. 2009-14 Trail & Greenways Master Plan

Springer stated that the Trail and Greenways Master Plan is being revised by HNTB for correction of grammatical errors and some revisions to the action plan timeline and should be finished for the next Park Board Meeting.

Isenberg stated that Evan Springer, Joe Pitcher and he are working on a new City Ordinance to ban motorized vehicles from the trails. Isenberg stated that the ordinance would need to be adopted by the City Council because it will be City law and there will be fines for violating the ordinance.

Sawa suggested putting together a trail watch group. The group would have to go to a couple of classes. They would have no powers other than they would look out for any mischief, broken glass, trash or something wrong, kind of like a crime watch then they would call and report it. The group members could wear bright neon logoed shirts.

V. Tracy Trail Smith Valley Road Pedestrian Bridge

Springer stated that we have submitted the final tracings to INDOT for the Smith Valley Pedestrian Bridge. A concerted effort was made to meet a submission date of August 12th in order to make a November letting date. Discussion followed.

VI. Tracy Trail Construction

Springer stated he met with Poindexter Excavating, the concrete contractors, Jeremy from BF&S and Phil David to iron out some construction problems with elevation and such along Tracy Trail. Springer stated that Poindexter Excavating was very agreeable and cooperative to get things fixed.

VII. Tennis Court Renovations at Westside Park

Springer stated the resurfacing of the tennis courts at Westside Park are finished. Schrader stated that with the recent flooding that the tennis courts did not have damage but a lot of mud did wash up on the tennis courts. Schrader also stated that the Greenwood Fire Department did come out and helped clean them off.

VIII. Freedom Park Status:

Springer stated final inspection for Stage I took place today at Freedom Park. Central Engineering will be back out to address some areas of concern.

Springer stated that we had bid opening yesterday for Stage II development of Freedom Park. The Bids included asphalt pathways, some drainage and a parking lot; all bids came in higher than expected. Discussion followed.

Springer also stated the playground equipment and installation bid for Freedom Park has been advertised. Springer said there will need to be a second advertisement before bids can be accepted.

Springer stated that we will be asking for a temporary loan in the amount of \$400,000.00 from the rainy day fund at the Greenwood Common Council on Monday Night to help fund us until we receive our tax draws. The June tax draw is not expected until October. Discussion followed.

Bridges asked if the buffer mounds between the bus garage and Freedom Park were the right height, he thought they were supposed to be 7 feet. Springer stated that he will meet with the Planning Department and find out what was agreed upon.

IX. TE Grant

Springer stated that the project for the orphaned TE Grant funds that was decided on was to finish Tracy Trail from Ashmore Drive to the High School then the trail would proceed from the High School to the at grade crossings on US Highway 31 and Madison Avenue. The trail will then continue on to the pedestrian bridge being installed on Smith Valley Road. Discussion followed.

Springer also stated that we have submitted an application for a 2009 TE Grant for the addition to the Tracy Trail project of a pedestrian bridge that will cross US 31 overhead. Discussion followed.

X. Recreation Impact Fee Plan:

Springer stated that Chuck Lehman with Lehman & Lehman scheduled the last two meetings with the Advisory Committee to finish the updating of the Recreation Impact Fee Plan. Springer also stated that the Greenwood Common Council will need to approve the updated Recreation Impact Fee Plan and it will take 6 months to go into effect.

XI. 2010 Budget:

Springer stated that the Parks Board will be presenting the 2010 Budget to the Common Council on this coming Monday night.

XII. Amphitheater Report:

Madsen had submitted the written Amphitheater Report to the Board prior to the meeting. (see attached).

XIII. Recreation Report:

Madsen had submitted the written Recreation Report to the Board prior to the meeting. (see attached). Dietrich moved to approve the pre-program analysis for Co-Ed Adult Dodge ball League, Bair seconded.

Vote: Ayes

XIV. Community Center Report:

Lanham had submitted the written Community Center Attendance and Membership report to the Board prior to the meeting. (see attached).

XV. Parks Report:

Schrader had submitted the written Park Report to the Board prior to the meeting. (see attached). Schrader stated we had some damage with flood waters at Westside Park, Summerfield Park and Northwest Annex Park. Schrader stated we had about \$10,000.00 worth of damage. Schrader said most of the mulch under the playgrounds was washed away, the softball fence was partially down and some split rail fence washed away at Westside Park.

XVI. Pool Report:

Madsen had submitted the written Pool Report to the Board prior to the meeting. (see attached).

XVII. Financial Report:

Springer had submitted the written Financial Report to the Board prior to the meeting (see attached).

XVIII. Other Business from the Parks Board:

Bridges stated that the property just south of Howard Road on the south side of Main Street has sold for development of two or three houses. Doug Rees, who purchased the property, has expressed interest in granting an easement along the creek and maybe a portion that is in the flood zone for green space. Bridges suggested sending a letter to him saying if his plan does not work out that we may be interested in negotiating a potential purchase, if the land has not had significant changes. Discussion followed. The Park Board agreed for Bridges to send a letter.

Bair stated she has spoken with Janet Sargent, regarding the property just east of the Greenwood City Pool property, and she is willing to entertain an offer from us for the land. Discussion followed. Bridges moved to approve getting an appraisal done for the property located just east of the Greenwood City Pool, Dietrich seconded.

Vote: Ayes

Sawa reiterated that we need to look at getting a Trail Watch Group formed, the sooner the community takes ownership of the trails, the better the trails will be taken care of. Discussion followed. Sawa stated lets start getting some names and set up a meeting for the potential watch group. The Park Board agreed.

XIV. Business from the Public:

Resident Norman Gunn presented a letter to the Park Board in appreciation of a wonderful job the employees are doing at the Greenwood City Pool.

XX. Signing of the Claim Sheet:

Sawa stated that the Claim Sheets would stand as presented, unless there were any corrections needed. No corrections noted. Claim Sheets will stand as presented.

XXI. Sawa adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

President

Secretary

Recording Secretary